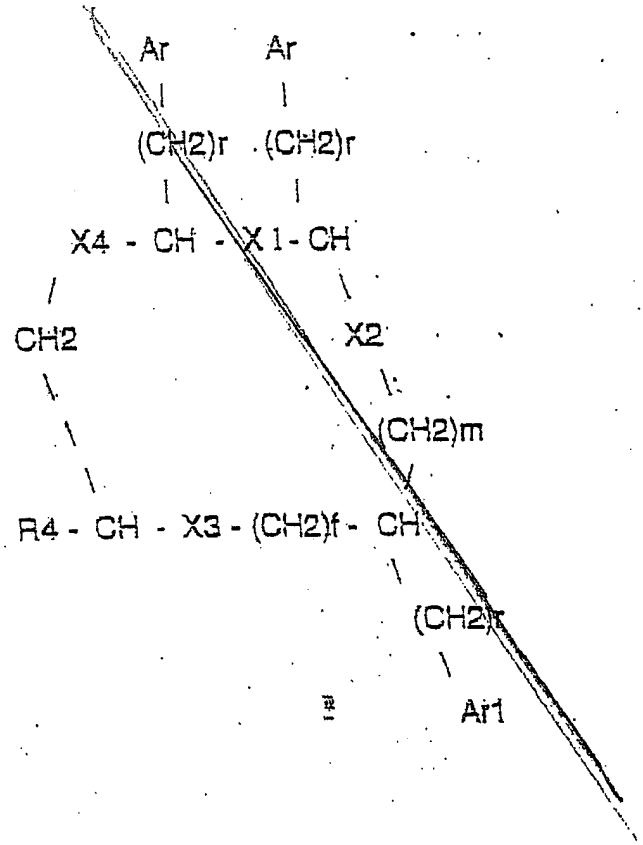
In response to the Advisory Action of September 17, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, structural formula:



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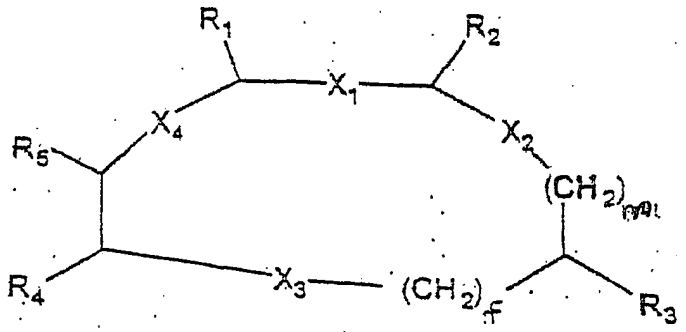

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IN THE SPECIFICATION (Continued)

At page 2, lines 2-12:

R_9 is a methanesulfonyl, tosyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl possible mono or di-substituted by oxygen on the S atom, piperidyl ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted on the N atom by a C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} acyl, aminosulfonyl, methanesulfonyl; or a group $(CH_2)_gR_{10}$ where g is 1,2, or 3 and R_{10} is chosen among morpholine, furan, or CN; or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are linked form a piperazine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted at the other N atom ~~one of its nitrogen atoms~~ by C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} acyl or methanesulfonyl;

At page 4, after line 11, insert:

R_5 is H,

At page 4, line 12:

R_4 is a group chosen among:

$-NR_8R_9$; $-N(R_{11})CO(CH_2)_h$; or $-COR_{13}$; where R_8 is H or C_{1-3} alkyl; and h is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

At page 4, beginning with the last three words on line 21,

and R_{12} is chosen among: morpholine, pyrrolidine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted with an hydroxy or hydroxymethyl, piperidine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted with a ~~group~~ 4-hydroxy~~,~~/ or 4-carboxyamido group ~~or aminosulfonyl,~~ piperazine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted on the N-atom by 4-aminosulfonyl, C_{1-3} alkyl, triazole, tetrazole, 5-mercapto-tetrazole, furan, thiophene, thiomorpholine, ~~possibly~~ optionally mono or di-oxygenated on the S-atom, ~~amino-cyclohexane~~ and cyclohexan-1-yl- ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted by ~~an~~ a hydroxy group.

At page 5, lines 15-20:

$R9_2$ is a group chosen among: 4-tetrahydropyranyl, ~~4-tetraidrothiopyranyl~~ 4-tetrahydrothiopyranyl, ~~1-oxotetraidrothiopyran-4-yl~~ 1-oxotetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, 1,1 dioxo-tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, N-methyl-4-piperidinyl, N-methanesulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, N-aminosulfonyl-4-piperdinyl, or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are linked represent N-methyl-piperazinyl, N-acetyl-piperazinyl, piperazinyl, N-methanesulfonyl-piperazinyl.